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RE: ECFC New Filing, Proceeding 17-108

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I strongly support net neutrality. I view any effort to undermine net neutrality as an affront to individual freedom and free enterprise.

I find naked assertions that current regulations ensuring net neutrality will inhibit future investment by ISPs unpersuasive. Where's the evidence of that?

Those who suggest we should trust publicly-traded corporations to put the public interest ahead of shareholder profits are, at best naive, and at worst, they're being disingenuous.

For years the public has been told two things: 1) a corporation's "primary duty is to maximize shareholder profit"; and 2) government regulation is bad for business.

Sadly, most business leaders today, including our new president, do not feel bound by ethical norms or concepts of social responsibility. Instead, our captains of industry exploit their advantages in the name of competition. Generally, these folks take the position "that which is not prohibited, is permitted." It's axiomatic -- absent a prohibition, those with market power will use it to stifle competition and free enterprise.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.